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Dear Examiner Bui:

Further to our telephone conversation on August 10, 2004, we agree to modify claim 10 as you have suggested. By incorporating your suggested changes, a marked up amended claim 10 will now read as follows:

10. (Currently Amended) A stent-graft combination comprising a tubular stent having 1 a plurality of [separate and distinct] hoops aligned adjacent one another along the axis 2 of said tubular stent, each of said [separate and distinct] hoops comprising a plurality 3 of elongate elements, with pairs of said elongate elements meeting one another and 4 forming vertices axially pointing in a direction along the axis of the stent, wherein at 5 least some of said vertices axially abut and are individually connected to oppositely 6 pointed vertices of elongate elements of an adjacent hoop by separate connecting 7 members which connect adjacent vertices so that they abut one another, further, 8 including a tubular graft member disposed circumferentially adjacent the tubular stent. 9

Based on our telephone conversation, it is our understanding that this claim as amended above, as well as all other claims in this application, are now in condition for allowance and that you will make the above amendment by Examiner's Amendment.

We would appreciate it if you would confirm receipt of our authorization to amend claim 10 as shown above, that the amendment will place the entire application in condition for allowance, and that you will make the amendment by Examiner's Amendment.

We thank you for your patience in this case.

Very truly yours,

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